members will also have a right to have recourse to a Special Safeguard Mechanism to guard against surge in volume of imports and also against price depressions.

FDI in cold storage

3343. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to allow FDI in retail in phase-II;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to allow FDI in cold storage; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) As per the extant policy Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) upto 100%, is permitted on the automatic route for setting up of Cold Storage facilities.

SEZ in Mangalore by ONGC

3344. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ONGC in collaboration with Karnataka Government, Kannara Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services has planned to set up a SEZ in Mangalore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a PSU is allowed to set up SEZ in terms of its Articles of Association and Memorandum of Undertaking; and

(d) if not, the reasons for giving permission to ONGC in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Kanara Chamber of Commerce and Industry was given in-principle approval on 8.8.2003 for setting up a multi-product Special Economic Zone (SEZ) at Baikampady. The Board of Approval in its meeting on 17.3.2006 considered the Government of Karnataka's proposal to extend the validity period of the Kanara Chamber of Commerce and Industry's SEZ at Baikampady (Karnataka). The Board advised the representative of the Government of Karnataka to inform the promoters of the SEZ to apply afresh as per SEZ Rules, since the extended validity of the approval had already expired and a fresh approval was being sought by a new entity. Subsequently, a proposal for setting up of an SEZ at the identified location, has been received from M/s. Mangalore SEZ Ltd.

(c) and (d) SEZs can be set up in the private sector or joint sector in association with the State Government or by the State Governments themselves.

Study regarding assistance to exporters in Australia and Philippines

3345. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Directorate General of Foreign Trade undertook a study visit to Australia and Philippines to study assistance given to exporters in those countries;

(b) if so, whether any study report has been submitted; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) A Study Group on Simplification of Procedures and Transaction Cost Reduction under Chairmanship of Director General of Foreign Trade visited Australia and Philippines from 6th September to 10th September, 2005. A report on the subject has been prepared and submitted on 17th November, 2005. The recommendations made by the Study Group were approved by the